



Community Appearance Commission

Minutes

March 1, 2006

The regular meeting of the Salisbury Community Appearance Commission was called to order Wednesday, March 1, 2006, at 4 p.m. by Barbara Perry, Chair, in the Council Chamber, 217 South Main Street, Salisbury, North Carolina. The following members were present and absent:

Present: Cindee Bridges, Greta Connor, Barbara Lawther, Michael Lippard, Chad Morgan, Barbara Perry, Sara Robinson, and Johnny Safrit

Absent: Suzette Davis, Judy Kandl, and Bill Safrit

Staff: Lynn Raker, Diana Moghrabi, and Councilman Mark Lewis

Barbara Perry, Chair, called the meeting to order. The minutes of the February meeting and the financial report were approved as published.

Barbara Perry introduced Councilman Mark Lewis who will serve as the Community Appearance Commission (CAC) Council Liaison.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Art in Public Places

- The Public Art Committee has unanimously agreed on one of the proposals submitted for the gateway art installation. All members of the selection panel were present for the final meeting; this was a good committee. All three of the entries were quite wonderful. The Community Appearance Commission would have an opportunity to view the models at the Water Works Visual Arts Center.

The selected piece will be presented to City Council March 21, 2006. CAC members were asked to attend the City Council meeting in support of the project.

- CAC proposes a loft tour to raise funds for the Depot Street Mosaic public art project. The committee met and decided that September was the preferred month. Historic Salisbury Foundation is no longer considering a tour of Downtown Spaces in the fall.

The committee will meet Wednesday, March 8, for lunch at the Plaza, 100 W. Innes Street, second floor.

- Funds remaining at the end of the Fiscal Year in The Municipal Service District Grants (MSD) and the Innes Street Grants (ISG) programs are not able to be determined at this early date for use on the Depot Street Mosaic balance.

Neighborhoods & Education Committee

- Mr. W. T. Jackson would like to be added as a leader to the Park Avenue Neighborhood list.
- Add Fannie Butler to the Neighborhood Alliance Task Force.
- Greta Connor, Barbara Perry and Lynn Raker met to prepare an agenda for the Neighborhood Alliance Task Force meeting March 2, at 4 p.m. in the Council Chamber.
- The Neighborhoods and Education Committee will meet March 23, at 4 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room.
- *Spring Spruce Up Week* is April 24-28, 2006. The City of Salisbury will pick up old appliances, tires without rims and extra bagged trash. No building materials are collected. This is for residents only (no businesses). Public will receive an insert in their water bill.

The North Main Neighborhood is participating in a neighborhood clean up. Cindee Bridges will contact the high school to use this as a community service project. Groups will need to designate a trash pick up area and Lynn will let Public Services know where that area is located.

Landscaping

- Cindee Bridges has not been able to reach Glen Yost of Sign Designs about new Landscape of the month signs.
- Mr. & Mrs. Harlan will have a sign posted in their yard for the April Landscape of the Month award. Partnership for Children, located at 1839 Jake Alexander Boulevard, and Bank of North Carolina on Jake Alexander Boulevard have been nominated for Commercial sites.
- Next time there will be LOM pictures for the awards luncheon.

Municipal Service District (MSD) and Innes Street Improvement Grants (ISG)

Lynn Raker reported that the committee committed \$25,000 of the allocated \$25,000 for the Innes Street Grant. Oak Grove/Freedman's Cemetery had \$5,000 allocated, which may come back to the committee.

The Municipal Service District (MSD) committed \$21,459 of the \$22,000 allocated. OK Wigs is probably not going to do their full project. The owner is reluctant to remove some vinyl trim because he is afraid of what he might discover under it. Michael Lippard stated that 102 South Main Street, right beside OK Wigs, has had vinyl removed and exposed steel beam with

rosettes were revealed; it is really pretty. This may reassure the owner of OK Wigs. Oak Grove/Freedman's Cemetery had \$5,000 allocated, which may come back to the committee. Many people have said that they wish something could be done to improve the appearance of OK Wigs because of its position on the square.

There are some pending applications yet to be received for the grant programs.

CAC/ SALISBURY TREE BOARD AWARDS

February 23, 2006, the CAC/STB Awards Luncheon was held at the Heritage Room on Council Street. Comments have been very positive. The Landscape of the Month winners were very honored for the recognition. Newcomers had no idea that Salisbury did not always look like it does today. In 25 years, Salisbury has made tremendous improvements in appearances. One hundred five persons from all walks of life attended the event. All members of the CAC attended the luncheon.

The Salisbury Post did not attend, nor did they cover the event even though they had been invited. Staff forwarded the information and will follow up with the editor of the newspaper.

Janie Allen, who received the Mayor's Cup, sent a lovely thank you note.

OLD BUSINESS

- Group Home Guidelines will be addressed at the meeting of the Neighborhood Alliance Task Force.
- Ron Paxton will follow up on the Church's Chicken property and the Beauty Supply store facades.
- Lynn Raker is following up on neighborhood entrance signs for Jersey City, Fairview Heights, and Park Avenue.
- The staging site used by the hospital at Jersey City has been tidied a bit.

NEW BUSINESS

Michael Lippard is working on professional board exams and will not be able to complete another term on the CAC. Judy Kandl and Cindee Bridges have agreed to serve another term on the CAC. Bruce Wilson was nominated to return to the CAC for another term by Bill Safrit; Bruce accepted the nomination for appointment. The final decision for CAC appointments will come from City Council. The CAC will elect a chair at the next meeting.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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